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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE TO THE  
PRESIDENT FROM BANGLADESH PRESIDENT SAYEM

1. FYI FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED AT WHITE HOUSE FROM  
PRESIDENT SAYEM:

QUOTE: ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF  
BANGLADESH AND ON MY BEHALF I HAVE GREAT PLEASURE IN CONVEY-  
ING TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, GREETINGS AND FELICITATIONS ON  
THE BICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE DECLARATION OF AMERICAN  
INDEPENDENCE. THE PEOPLE OF BANGLADESH, AS THE PEOPLE OF  
OTHER COUNTRIES THAT HAVE ACHIEVED INDEPENDENCE IN RECENT  
YEARS, HAVE DRAWN INSPIRATION FROM THE NOBLE IDEALS EN-  
SHRINED IN THAT DECLARATION IMPERISHABLE IDEALS OF HUMAN  
FREEDOM, THE EQUALITY OF MAN, AND THE DIGNITY OF THE INDI-  
VIDUAL- THE HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE OF THE AMERICAN REVOLU-  
TION SPREADS FAR BEYOND THE SHORES OF THE UNITED STATES.  
ON OUR PART THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF BANGLADESH  
CONTINUE TO LOOK FORWARD TO FRUITFUL COOPERATION, FRIEND-  
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SHIP AND UNDERSTANDING WITH THE GREAT AMERICAN PEOPLE WHOSE

INNOVATIVE SPIRIT, INDUSTRY AND DEMOCRATIC INSTINCT HAVE CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF HUMAN PROGRESS AND HUMAN WELFARE. WE RECOGNISE WITH GRATITUDE THE

VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS MADE TO THE RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF OUR ECONOMY AND TO THE MITIGATION OF THE RAVAGES OF WAR AND NATURAL CALAMITY. I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXTEND MY WARM GOOD WISHES FOR YOUR HEALTH, LONG LIFE AND HAPPINESS, MR. PRESIDENT, AND FOR THE WELFARE AND PROSPERITY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND FOR PEACE IN OUR TIME. SIGNED ABUSADAT MOHAMMAD SAYEM, PRESIDENT OF THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH. END QUOTE.

2. FOLLOWING RESPONSE FROM PRESIDENT FORD SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO THE PRESIDENT:

QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, MRS. FORD AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR MOST WELCOME MESSAGE OF GOOD WISHES ON THE COMMEMORATION OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR NATION'S INDEPENDENCE.

AS WE ENTER OUR THIRD CENTURY, THE UNITED STATES REDEDICATES ITSELF IN WORD AND DEED TO THE PRINCIPLES OF LIBERTY, EQUALITY AND INDIVIDUAL DIGNITY. WE DO SO WITH THE ANTICIPATION AND CONFIDENCE THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO FLOURISH. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. END QUOTE.

3. NO RELEASE INTENDED, BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT WISHES TO DO SO.

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